

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Abstract to conform with the Examiner's requirements.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Appleman et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,918,010.

The present invention provides a system, method, and program whereby a user may easily bookmark sections of a network, e.g. Web transmitted documents. The user then has the option of bookmarking the whole received document or just sections of the received document. The invention is directed to a computer managed communication network, such as the Web, with user access via a plurality of data processor controlled interactive display stations and with a system for displaying documents, e.g. Web pages transmitted to said display stations from locations remote from said stations. The invention provides for the conventional means associated with one of said receiving display stations for bookmarking selected transmitted documents, e.g. whole Web pages to thereby store at said receiving display station, direct links to the documents for future access. In combination with this function, the invention provides the document or Web page creator with the facility of defining one or more sections of the document or Web page as independent secondary documents together with the facility at the receiving display station for optionally bookmarking any secondary document to thereby store at the receiving display station, a direct link to the secondary document without accessing and first passing through the basic transmitted document. By providing the user with the means for defining sections of a lengthy Web document or page and for individually bookmarking such defined sections, the

present invention enables the user to go directly to the Web document area or section of interest to him without going through the process of bookmarking and thereby accessing the entire long Web document and then going through the page until the area of interest is reached.

Appleman et al. are not concerned with means for defining sections in a transmitted network e.g., Web document so that these sections are independent secondary documents. Actually, the purpose of the Appleman teaching is to create the very bookmarking which the present invention is trying to avoid. Appleman et al. are concerned with the bookmarking of composite Web documents created by the user at a receiving display station through the combination of several individual Web documents or pages. Their object is to ensure the bookmarking of the whole composite document so that when accessing the bookmarked composite document, they get the whole document rather than any of its composite documents. However, this is the very lengthy document bookmarking condition which the present invention tries to avoid by providing for the individual bookmarking of lengthy document sections. Thus, if anything, the teaching of Appleman et al. would lead away from the present invention.

In view of the foregoing, claims 1-21, all of the claims in the present patent application are submitted to be in condition for allowance, such allowance is respectfully requested.

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